

Sola Fide (through Faith alone)

The initial blessing of the covenant which is appropriated by faith is that of justification. But it was never intended to stop there. Our life in the covenant is from faith to faith. In numerous places we are told that the just shall live by faith. The prophet does not say that the just shall commence by faith, and then finish through sheer dint of human strivings. Everything we do, everything we say, is to be set apart and sanctified by faith.
(Douglas Wilson)

We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 2:16)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. (Romans 3:23-25)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-4

SONG OF WORSHIP

(please stand as able)

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty and so much stronger?

The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?

The King of glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,

That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.

You laid down Your life that I would be set free. O, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of glory, the King of glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?

The King of glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,

That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.

You laid down Your life that I would be set free. O, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave! (repeat twice)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

Worthy, worthy, worthy!

This is amazing grace...

(please be seated)

GOD AT WORK

Commissioning of India/Nepal Men's and Women's Teams

THE REFORMATION OF WORSHIP

WORDS OF FAITH

Galatians 2:16; Romans 3:23-25; Ephesians 2:8-9

SONGS OF RESPONSE

(all, standing)

**My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed;
I trust the everliving One, His wounds for me shall plead.**

*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me. (repeat)*

**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

**Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

READING: *Dying Testimony of John Nisbet*

**You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.
And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace for I am Yours and You are mine.**

**Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed and You won't start now.**

(chorus)

**Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior. (repeat)**

*And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace, for I am Yours and You are mine.*

(please be seated)

SONG OF FAITH

(solo, choir)

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand: A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished, and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the Church was called to go, in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost;
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. *(chorus)*

By faith the mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail;
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name! *(chorus)*

UNISON READING

Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Question 61

(all, standing)

Q. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God [1]. I can receive this righteousness and make it my own by faith only [2].

[1] 1 Corinthians 1:30-31; 2:2 [2] Romans 10:10; 1 John 5:10-12

SONG OF RESPONSE

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so—He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so—He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last!

*He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so—He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so—He will hold me fast.*

(please be seated)

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(all)

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

SCRIPTURE READING: *Romans 3:19-26*

Taylor Park

MEDITATION

SERMON

The Reformation at 500: The Five Solas

Rev. Iver Martin

Sola Fide
Romans 3:20-22

SONG OF RESPONSE

(all, standing)

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

BENEDICTION

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Worship Leaders: The *Worship Choir*; Trent England, organ; Jamie Scholik, piano; Dan Gilbert, violin; Mary Golden-Dunlap, violin; Patrick Holmes, viola; Chris Langston, cello; Betsy Man, string bass; Brian Craddock, lead guitar and vocal; Shekinah Toebe, bass guitar and vocal solo; Nick Toebe, drums
Ron Man, Pastor of Worship and Missionary in Residence

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